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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTERS OF INDIA, BANGLADESH, AND PAKISTAN
MAY MEET IN CAIRO

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF INDIA, PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH MAY MEET SOON IN CAIRO TO WORK OUT A FORMULA FOR ISLAMABAD'S RECOGNITION OF DACCA.

SO FAR, BOTH INDIA AND PAKISTAN HAVE AGREED TO ATTEND, BUT DACCA HAS NOT YET COMMITTED ITSELF. PUBLICLY, THE BENGALLEES HAVE MAINTAINED THAT THERE CAN BE NO MEETING AT ANY LEVEL WITHOUT FORMAL PAKISTANI RECOGNITION, BUT THEY HAVE, IN FACT, ALREADY HAD A NUMBER OF INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH THE PAKISTANIS. THE MEETING UNDER PRESIDENT SABAT'S AUSPICES WOULD BE HELD IN TIME TO ALLOW BANGLADESH TO ATTEND THE ISLAMIC SUMMIT IN LAHORE ON FEBRUARY 22 IF NEGOTIATIONS ARE SUCCESSFUL.

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THE MAJOR DIFFICULTY IN THE RECOGNITION DISPUTE HAS BEEN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FORMAL RECOGNITION AND THE RELEASE OF 195 PAKISTANI PRISONERS OF WAR HELD IN INDIA THAT BANGLADESH AT ONE TIME WANTED TO TRY FOR WAR CRIMES. DACCA INSISTS THAT RECOGNITION MUST PRECEDE ANY RESOLUTION OF THEIR STATUS, BUT HAS INDICATED PRIVATELY THAT THEY WOULD THEN BE RELEASED. PAKISTAN HAS MAINTAINED THAT THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS MUST COME FIRST, BUT, ACCORDING TO THE PAKISTANI FOREIGN SECRETARY, NOW SAYS THAT IT MUST JUST BE MADE CLEAR THEIR RELEASE WILL FOLLOW FORMAL RECOGNITION.

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